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## TAKING A PLUNGE

Courtney Lethbridge, 19, of London, left, joins screaming friend Emma Berkin, 19, also from London, on the Super Shot ride at the Western Fair on Tuesday afternoon. Thrill-seekers are running out of time to attend the annual event, as the 10-day fair wraps up this weekend. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

## ‘We will fight this’: Teachers

### Provincewide protest.

Bill that forces contracts, gives government power to stop strikes and lockouts dubbed ‘draconian’ by unions



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Local teachers are expected to don black ribbons and work to rule Wednesday as they join counterparts across the province protesting contracts legislated by Queen’s Park.

Passage of the Liberal government’s Putting Students First Act is nothing short of “devastating” and “undemocratic,” said Colleen Canon, president of the local Ontario Secondary School Teachers’ Federation.

“The process of free collective bargaining is the most democratic process we have,” said Canon, whose union represents more than 2,000 Thames Valley district teachers and some support staff. “It’s absolutely stunning to

### The reaction

- Local unions representing teachers, support staff and the labour sector are expected to rally Friday outside London West MPP Chris Bentley’s office.
- The Ontario Secondary School Teachers’ Federation is telling its members not to do any voluntary activities — such as coaching sports teams — on Wednesday.
- The Elementary Teachers’ Federation of Ontario is urging its members not to participate in “any school-based or system level meetings of any kind” on Mondays. They’re calling the action “McGuinty Mondays.”

Conservatives joined forces with the Grits to push the bill through.

“A legal challenge will come out almost immediately,” Canon said. “We will fight this all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada if we have to.”

If given royal assent, the legislation, which cuts benefits and freezes wages, would force contracts on most teachers and education workers. The Liberals have said it’s needed to help eliminate the province’s \$15-billion deficit.

Teachers have said they’re more than willing to bargain and have no intention of walking out of their classrooms.

“It’s back-to-work legislation not only for a group that wasn’t in strike position, but wasn’t threatening to strike,” Canon said.

The bill was based on an agreement the province reached with English Catholic and francophone teachers, which included three unpaid days off in the second year and cutting sick days in half to 10 a year.

me that a Liberal government would take away that right.”

The legislation, passed Tuesday with a vote of 82 to 15, has angered unions and national civil liberties groups, which say it violates constitutional rights. Progressive

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# NEWS 1

## New charge for CPRI worker

**Indecent act.** Police say Gregory Simard stripped off clothes in business a day before 12-year-old was found beaten outside facility



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The man accused of beating a 12-year-old boy at London's Child and Parent Resource Institute is facing an unrelated charge of committing an indecent act, police said Tuesday.

Police say Gregory Thomas Simard, 24, of London stripped naked at about 10:30 a.m. Saturday inside a store on the city's northeast side. He then picked up his clothes and left.

Officers searched the area after the incident was reported but couldn't find anyone matching the description provided. He had been at the store four times before, police said.

Simard is facing multiple charges, including attempted murder, for the attack at CPRI — reported about 35 hours after the Saturday incident.

Police have said the victim was taken from the cottage where he lived at the facility and was found with "severe trauma" in a wooded lot on the 600 Sanatorium Rd. property.

The victim remained in critical condition Tuesday at London Health Sciences Centre, as Simard made his first court appearance.

Details about the hearing cannot be released because of a court-ordered publication ban. Simard's next hearing is scheduled for Thursday.

Police have said Simard was in the final days of his contract as a developmental-support worker at CPRI and had "regular contact" with the alleged victim.

Simard was arrested Monday in a parking lot near Dundas Street and Clarke Road. He faces a charge of assaulting police for an incident that happened after he was taken into custody. No officers were injured, police said.

The Ministry of Children and Youth Services, which funds CPRI, expressed its "deepest sympathy for the child involved in this tragedy" in a statement delivered to Metro.

"We want to reassure you of our commitment to the safety and security of all children and youth in our care," the statement said. "Staff at the Child and Parent Resource (Institute) and the ministry are cooperating fully with police as they conduct their investigation."

According to its website, CPRI provides "voluntary services to children and youth with ... severe behavioural disturbances and/or developmental challenges."

### The charges

- Attempted murder
- Uttering threats
- Forcible confinement
- Assaulting police
- Committing an indecent act (unrelated to CPRI investigation)



## Remembering death in the line of duty

London firefighter Mike Duncan nuzzles his 16-month-old daughter Katelyn's forehead Tuesday during a 9-11 remembrance ceremony at the fire department's headquarters (400 Horton St.). The ceremony paid tribute to local firefighters who have died in the line of duty or as a direct result of their work. Duncan's father, retired platoon chief John (Jack) Duncan, died in February from a form of leukemia commonly associated with the career. His name has been added to the firefighters memorial outside the main station. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

### Mobile news



If the Terminator rode a horse, this would definitely be it. Scan the code to watch the U.S. military's "mechanical horse" make its debut.

### Fundraising campaign

## United Way announces largest goal in its history

Leaders of the United Way London & Middlesex's annual fundraising campaign are swinging for the fences this year.

### Aiming high

# \$8.75M

The United Way has set a fundraising goal of \$8.75 million — a three per cent increase from 2011.

The agency has set an \$8.75-million goal — the largest in the non-profit's

history and a three per cent increase from 2011.

Officials launched the campaign during a luncheon at the John Labatt Centre, calling the lofty goal a response to growing demand for social services.

Bill Tucker, director of the Thames Valley District School Board, is this year's campaign chair. **METRO**

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London Knights forward Brett Welychka uses his low centre of gravity to successfully carve around outgoing captain Jarred Tinordi in a 1-on-1 drill during a team workout at the Western Fair Sports Centre on Tuesday. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

# Knights PP won't see big personnel change to start the season

**OHL.** Tuesday's practice focused on defensive positioning and breakouts



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The London Knights' power play used to be feared by coaches and players across the OHL when they had the top unit in the league. That was four seasons ago.

With three consecutive bottom-tier finishes — 11th, 19th, and 11th, respectively, out of 20 teams — since 2008-09's rise to prominence, the intimidation factor has been dulled.

There's no need to panic, of course, with a championship banner about to be lifted into the John Labatt Centre rafters.

However, being content with mediocrity isn't how flagship franchises typically conduct business.

"We're going to have a lot

of skill up front, so it's going to come down to work," said forward Max Domi, who is on his way back from a high-ankle sprain sustained last week.

Domi, now able to walk freely without a removable cast, expects to suit up next Friday for Game 1 of the 2012-13 regular season. The quick-footed 17-year-old will be one of a handful to receive ample power-play time this season.

Alex Broadhurst appears to be the lone addition to last year's power-play crew, which ran at a 19.6 per cent success rate. And at least one of his teammates likes the former University of Nebraska-Omaha recruit's potential.

"He's got a nose for the net," Domi said of Broadhurst. "He put on a clinic in most of the pre-season games, and will be great for us this year."

To start things off, London's coaching staff plans on using the tandem of defenceman Olli Maatta and centre Ryan Rupert on the point in man-advantage situations.

**'Wait-and-see period'**

## Coaching staff playing it safe

Since trimming their roster to 28 after training camp, the Knights have only made one official cut, sending Owen MacDonald to the St. Mary's Lincolns last week.

Moving forward, the coaching staff is proceeding with caution. "We're still looking at it," head coach Dale Hunter said. "With the injuries and stuff, and what's going on with the NHL and the NHLPA, it's a wait-and-see period."

Head coach Dale Hunter admired each player's work with the puck last year.

"He's a good playmaker and has a very good shot," Hunter said of Rupert. "Olli, too, he has a good shot, can really get the puck through." **METRO**

### World championships

## Figure skating tickets on sale next month

Single-event tickets for the 2013 World Figure Skating Championships will be available for purchase on Oct. 10 at 10 a.m.

For more information, visit the John Labatt Centre box office, johnlabattcentre.com, or call 1-866-455-2849.

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### Theatre

## Broadway in London unveils 2012-13 season

Broadway in London is back, with a wide range of performances slated for the RBC Theatre at the John Labatt Centre. Season packages start at \$150. To purchase tickets, call 519-432-8894 or visit BroadwayInLondon.com for more information. **METRO**

### MS Society of Canada

## Yard sale for MS rescheduled

A yard sale benefiting the MS Society of Canada will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday at 851 Princess Ave. **METRO**

## Federation of Canadian Municipalities. London infrastructure at risk

London is among the Canadian municipalities whose infrastructure is at risk, according to the first Canadian Infrastructure Report Card.

"This is not something we wanted to hear, but it is our responsibility to be fully aware of what the reality is," Mayor Joe Fontana said in a release.

"Only when we have the complete picture can municipal and other orders of government work together to ... improve the necessary infrastructure."

The report card, released Tuesday by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and three industry partners, says more than half of Canadian municipal roads are falling apart and one in four roads is over capacity.

The federation also found that one in four wastewater treatment plants needs to be upgraded or replaced to meet new federal standards introduced this summer, at a cost of at least \$20 billion.

"The report card shows that core municipal infrastructure like roads and water systems, assets critical to Canada's health, safety and economic prosperity, are at risk," said federation president Karen Leibovici



**Mayor Joe Fontana** **METRO FILE**

on Tuesday at a news conference in Ottawa.

The City of London joined the federation in calling for a new long-term infrastructure plan.

The report card surveyed more than 120 municipalities representing 60 per cent of the Canadian population. The first edition measured the condition of municipal roads, drinking water, wastewater, and storm water systems.

The full report card can be read at [canadainfrastructure.ca](http://canadainfrastructure.ca).

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## World Statesman. Harper set to receive prestigious award for diplomacy

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is being hailed as "World Statesman of the Year" by an American organization that previously feted Jean Chrétien and British Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

The Prime Minister's Office says Harper will travel to New York on Sept. 27 to receive the award from the Appeal of Conscience Foundation.

Harper, according to the organization, will be recognized as a "champion of democracy, freedom and human rights."

The foundation was founded in 1965 by Rabbi Arthur Schneier. Its board includes

### Foundation

The Appeal of Conscience Foundation describes itself as an "interfaith coalition of business and religious leaders (that) promotes peace, tolerance and ethnic conflict resolution."

former U.S. president Bill Clinton and former U.S. secretaries of state Madeleine Albright, James Baker, retired general Colin Powell and George Schultz.

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### Jurassic Park

## Woolly mammoth cells discovered

Scientists have discovered well-preserved frozen woolly mammoth fragments deep in Siberia that may contain living cells, edging a tad closer to the Jurassic Park possibility of cloning a prehistoric animal.

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### Bullied monitor

## School bus driver gets \$700k cheque

A Toronto man's campaign to give an American grandmother a vacation from a workplace in which she was tyrannized by teenage bullies ended Tuesday with the retired school bus monitor receiving a cheque for \$703,000. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Thousands gather across U.S. to honour 9-11 victims

## 11 years later.

Memorials at three crash sites scaled back after 10-year mark, making experiences more personal

Americans marked the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on a crisp, sunny day much like the one 11 years ago when nearly 3,000 victims were killed in the worst terror attack in U.S. history. The commemoration was smaller and more subdued, a reflection of the nation moving on after a decade of remembrance.

Hundreds gathered at the World Trade Center site in

### Reflection

"Our country is safer, and our people are more resilient."

U.S. President Barack Obama in a ceremony at the White House commemorating the nearly 3,000 9-11 victims.



A woman mourns on the wall engraved with the names of victims during observances at the National September 11 Memorial in New York on Tuesday. CRAIG RUTTLE/NEWSDAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York, the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pa., to read the names of the dead.

"Our country is safer, and our people are resilient," President Barack Obama said in a ceremony at the White House. He and first lady Michelle Obama laid a wreath at the Pentagon, above a concrete slab that said "Sept. 11, 2001 — 937 am."

They later visited the

graves of recent war dead from Afghanistan and Iraq at Arlington National Cemetery. The U.S. military death toll years ago surpassed the 9-11 victim count.

Some said last year's 10th anniversary was a turning point for public mourning. For the first time, elected officials weren't speaking at the New York ceremony.

Thousands had attended

the ceremony in New York in previous years. This time, the crowd reached about 1,000 by late Tuesday morning. A few hundred attended ceremonies at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania.

Allied military forces marked the anniversary at a short ceremony at NATO's headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan.

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# The fix is in: Canadian soccer league infiltrated by crime

**Canadian soccer scandal.** Metro editor working with CBC threatened at Toronto home while investigating match-fixing ring

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You could be forgiven if you've never heard of the Canadian Soccer League.

Save for a sprinkling of fans that attend games and watch the occasional screening on Rogers TV, few will have ever heard of the small, backwater league fielding teams in Ontario and Quebec.

Yet, online betting sites offer lines on every CSL game which has attracted European match-fixers looking for an easy target.

In an investigation I worked on with the CBC, we discovered that match-fixers have travelled



The Trois-Rivières Attak's Serge Dinkota shoots past Serbian White Eagles keeper Dan Pelc during the CSL championship match in October 2009. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

thousands of kilometres to pay Canadian players to fix results in their favour. Our domestic league has been powerless, unwilling or unable to stop it. And this match-fixing syndicate has tried to infiltrate the league to a point that few would have imagined. The results of the investigation will be shown tonight

on The National at 10 p.m. and will be published in tomorrow's Metro.

This investigation stemmed from a German court case last year where the main defendants, Ante Sapina and Mario Cvrtak, admitted to fixing a Canadian Soccer League (CSL) game on Sept. 12, 2009. That

game involved the Toronto Croatia and the Trois-Rivières Attak — at the time, a farm team for the Montreal Impact.

Since the day I brought CBC this story 18 months ago, a lot has happened.

I have had people come to my home with death threats, moved my family to ensure

## Feeding the majors

# 10

Number of players on Canadian MLS team rosters that played in the Canadian Soccer League before starting their professional careers. Seven of that 10 are currently signed to Toronto FC.

their safety and struggled with the stress that comes with learning to live while looking over your shoulder. When I realized why those two men had threatened me, it made the pit of my stomach drop out at the thought of how close they had been to me. They waited outside my building to let me know that the questions I was asking around the CSL were not ones they approved of — but they mostly did it to send a message.

Others too have received that message. Witnesses to the fixing have come forward, only to drop away with no notice. Players, coaches and entire teams have walked away from

the game they love because of the stink that comes from these types of allegations.

Tonight's documentary will walk viewers through how the fixing occurs. It will show why this group and others like it are targeting the CSL. And it will show just how easy it is to manipulate a game for money.

In the grand scheme of things, Canadian soccer is still very much in its infancy. The Canadian Soccer Association may be celebrating its centenary this year but it's really only come into its own in the last 10 years as local soccer has become a priority in this country.

With that new-found love comes a level of naiveté — a sense that the ills that have plagued the world could never come here.

And if Canadians are finally catching on to this game that the rest of the world calls football, they're also about to get a harsh wake-up call to the realities that come with it.

Read tomorrow's Metro for more details.

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## Employment survey

### Positive hiring climate expected

Canadian employers expect the hiring climate to remain "respectable" in the fourth quarter, according to the latest Manpower Inc.

employment survey.

In a survey of 1,900 employers, 16 per cent said they plan to add jobs in the quarter and seven per cent anticipate cutbacks.

Employers in Ontario, however, project a modest fourth quarter.

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# Nordstrom to set up shop in Canada

Nordstrom is the latest U.S. retailer planning to set up shop north of the border.

Officials from the department store chain and Cadillac Fairview are scheduled to announce Canadian store plans at a media briefing in Toronto on Thursday.

The announcement will relate to Nordstrom's entry into the Canadian marketplace and will identify store locations in Cadillac Fairview shopping centres nationally.

According to previously published reports, the Seattle-based retailer is expected to open in four locations, including a trio of prime Sears Canada locations

set to be shuttered this fall.

Sears Canada announced in March it would sell back leases for three of its stores to its landlord, Cadillac Fairview, for about \$170 million.

High-profile locations at the Pacific Centre in Vancouver, Chinook Centre in Calgary and Rideau Centre in Ottawa are set to close by the end of October.

It announced a further closure, at the Deerfoot Mall in Calgary, in July.

Canadians can currently purchase goods direct from Nordstrom's website, with shipping fees that includes the cost of duties at checkout.

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A customer walks out of Nordstrom in Los Angeles. The department store chain plans to open stores in Canada. MARK TERRILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



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# A NON-HOCKEY WRITER ON THE NHL LOCKOUT



**JUST SAYIN'**  
Paul Sullivan  
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True confession:

I am not a hockey writer. With a few notable exceptions, neither are most hockey writers. Oops! That was my outside voice, wasn't it?

If I were a hockey writer, I wouldn't last very long. I would always want to write about the wrong thing.

Instead of reporting on the latest looming lockout (memo to hockey writers: That 'L' thing is called an alliteration) — which, by the way, happens Sunday at 12:01 a.m. if no one pulls a last-minute puck out of a hat — I would have a tendency to get distracted.

For example, did you know that Tyler Seguin just signed a contract with the Boston Bruins that will pay him \$34.5 million US over the next six years? That's a little under \$6 million a year.

Did you know that Tyler Seguin is 20 years old?

Now there's something to get distracted about. This kid scored 29 goals for the Bruins last year. According to my calculations, if he scores another 29 this year, he will make about \$200,000 US a goal. Doesn't matter if it's a deflection or shot into an empty net.

## Boston Bruins' \$34M signing

**I don't mean to pick on him exclusively. Every team has a rookie phenom whose annual salary exceeds the gross national product of your average banana republic.**

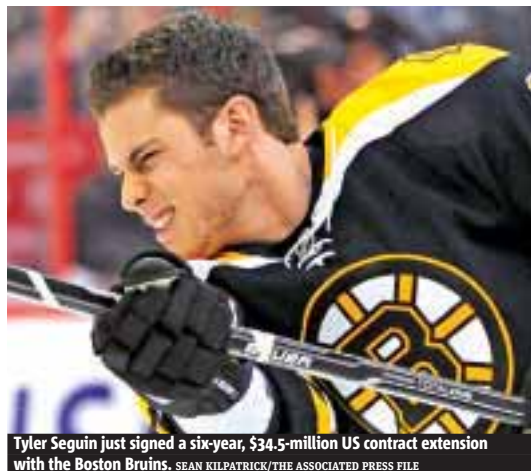
in 20th-century dollars, which adjusted for today's buying power, comes to about \$2.50.

I could even argue that my job, which required me to make decisions about the deployment of millions of dollars in government grants to community groups, was more important than Tyler Seguin's. And then I would start wondering if our values were completely out of whack, and the owners and players should indeed take a time out and think carefully about what they're doing.

I mean, what are they doing? Isn't little Tyler, at \$6 million a year, making enough money? I don't mean to pick on him exclusively. Every team has a rookie phenom whose annual salary exceeds the gross national product of your average banana republic. Speaking of average, the average salary for an NHL hockey player is \$2.4 million a year. The minimum, paid to guys who gather splinters sitting on the bench, is \$525,000 US.

Speaking of values being out of whack, the average salary for a pre-school teacher in Boston is \$43,000 US. That's what happens when you don't take steroids.

There I go again. At this rate, they'll never let me be a hockey writer.



Tyler Seguin just signed a six-year, \$34.5-million US contract extension with the Boston Bruins. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

# Duke and Duchess are blooming



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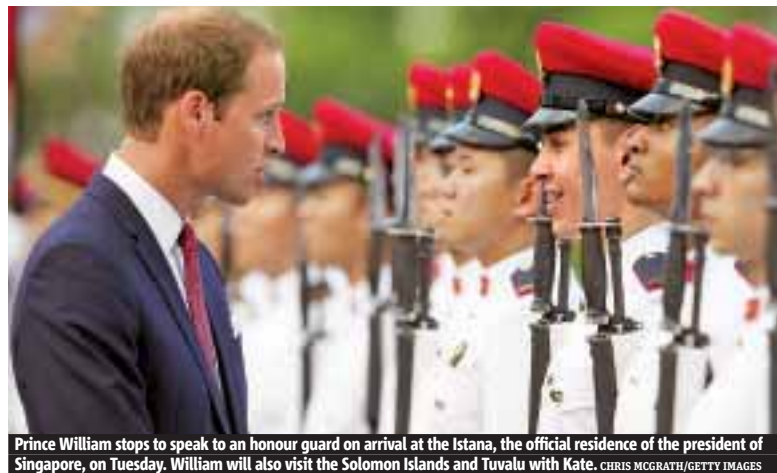
## Diamond Jubilee

### Orchid named after Will and Kate

Prince William and Kate view a hybrid orchid named in their honour at the Orchard Garden within the Singapore Botanical Gardens in Singapore on Tuesday.

The British royal couple is on an official three-day trip to Singapore. It is the first stop on the couple's nine-day tour of the Far East and South Pacific for the queen's Diamond Jubilee marking her 60 years on the throne.

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Prince William stops to speak to an honour guard on arrival at the Istana, the official residence of the president of Singapore, on Tuesday. William will also visit the Solomon Islands and Tuvalu with Kate. CHRIS MCGRATH/GETTY IMAGES



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# 5 HOT SPOTS FOR MUSIC

If you like to “play it loud,” these music venues around the world should be on your hit list.

## PROVOCATIVE: THE PARADISO, AMSTERSDAM

Things **really** heat up at this concert hall housed in a converted 19th-century church in Amsterdam. Described as “seriously fierce,” this venue’s main concert hall in the former church interior seats 1,500 and has high ceilings, two balcony rings and large illuminated church windows. Check the website for the concert lineup, or Paradiso is a popular dance club, too. “You think **you** know how to party?” wrote one visitor. “Do you? You’re wrong. I did, and then I came here.”

## MYSTERIOUS: THE GREEK THEATER, LOS ANGELES

“When you’re at the Greek, there’s this

type of mystical **feeling you** get among the crowd,” writes one **visitor**.

L.A.’s premier outdoor theatre is tucked into the **corner** of Griffith Park, but don’t let the picturesque setting fool you. This place is **made for noise**.

The 5,900-seat venue has amazing sound because of its natural acoustics — the park is actually a canyon. Named “North America’s Best Small Outdoor Venue,” Pearl Jam, Death Cab for Cutie, Florence & the Machine, The White Stripes, Jack Johnson, and Gotye have all played there recently.

## DARE TO EXPLORE: PRIVILEGE, IBIZA, SPAIN

“This isn’t a club ... it’s a whole other world!”

Privilege is the world’s largest nightclub with a main room the size of an aircraft hangar. Ibiza is an island in the

Mediterranean Sea that has a red hot reputation for its nightlife.

Dance to top rappers and DJs (the DJ booth is suspended above the dance floor) or explore what’s around every corner of the club ... a swimming pool, acrobats, huge video installations, state of the art lights, lasers, dance troupes, and more.

## MICRO EXPERIENCE: THE PHOG LOUNGE, WINDSOR, ONT.

“Phog” is a small lounge in Windsor with a devout following of some of Canada’s hippest electronica, free-form jazz and indie rock bands.

“Phog is truly passionate and curious about music,” said Casey Laforet of Canada’s critically acclaimed Elliot Brood.

Named “Best Live Music Venue in Canada,” there is now an annual Phog-Phest in the fall where the street out front

is closed off for a daylong celebration of indie music. Rural Alberta Advantage headlines there Sept. 15.

## EXPERIMENTATION: THE READING FESTIVAL, READING, ENGLAND

Join 87,000 other rock, indie, punk and metal aficionados in tents on Little John’s Farm for this three-day music festival every August.

But you have to plan ahead — tickets go on sale in December and sell out fast. The big stage is for major rock, indie, metal and alternative acts, but check out the smaller Lock Up Stage for underground punk and hardcore acts, and a stage for unsigned acts.

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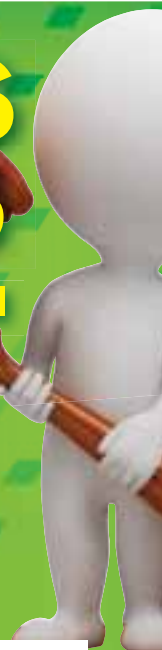
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# How evil corporations ruled through film history

**Resident Evil: Retribution.** The Umbrella Corp. in gory legacy is part of a long list of heartless movie organizations



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The Umbrella Corporation is the largest and most powerful corporate entity

in the world. At least, in the world of the *Resident Evil* movies it is.

Since R.E. first appeared on the big screen in 2002, the Umbrella Corp has been responsible for weapons research, the release of the mutating T-virus, experiments on humans, and the creation of biologically engineered supersoldiers.

In this weekend's *Resident Evil: Retribution* Umbrella's genetic experiments turn the global population into "legions of the flesh eating undead."

Turning the world's people into zombies is pretty dastardly stuff, but

Umbrella isn't the only cinematic corporation bending the rules and causing harm.

How about *Blade Runner*'s morally despicable Tyrell Corporation?

Led by a CEO with a God complex, the company genetically engineered organic robots called replicants for use as slaves on space colonies.

Visually indistinguishable from humans, they are banned from earth, and if found on the planet are killed immediately.

That plot inspired another popular sci-fi flick.

When writer Edward Neumeier was asked about

the plot of *Blade Runner* he replied, "It's about cop-hunting robots."

Inspired, he created *RoboCop*'s story about megacorporation Omni Consumer Products who builds the title character, a superhuman cyborg law enforcer.

It's likely that defense firm Cyberdyne Systems had nothing but good intentions when it developed Skynet, the Global Digital Defense Network that features at the center of all the Terminator movies.

The idea was to remove the possibility of human error when responding to mil-

itary threats. Who knew the technology would one day eliminate the human race?

Elimination of humankind was not on the minds of Soylent Corporation, the entity running things in the sci-fi flick *Soylent Green*. Set in an overpopulated, polluted world they came up with an alternative food source, Soylent Red and Yellow made of "high-energy plankton."

A third product, Soylent Green, becomes NYC's most popular snack until a cop (Charlton Heston) discovers the green wafer's main ingredient. "Soylent Green is people!"

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2 SCENE

On the web



Michael J. Fox takes part in 9-11 event to raise money for charities

We've had our fun all summer long with silly comic-book films, star-packed action movies and our fair share of mediocre comedies. As the weather gets cooler, the more serious-minded fare makes its way into the local cinema — but it's bringing along the next James Bond installment, some family flicks and a horror film or two.



### Trouble with the Curve

We're hoping everyone's over the now-infamous RNC empty chair incident once Clint Eastwood makes an appearance with this film about an aging baseball talent scout who takes his daughter on a last recruiting trip.

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### 2 Killing Them Softly

Brad Pitt is already getting high praise for this thriller about an enforcer who investigates a heist that occurred during a mob-poker game.



### Cloud Atlas

Eyeballs will explode and minds will be blown — so we hear — by this ambitious Wachowski Brothers adaptation of the multidimensional novel by David Mitchell. Tom Hanks and Halle Berry play several characters in the past, present and future.

### Argo

Ben Affleck solidifies his status as a top-flight Hollywood director with his third film behind the camera, this one centering on a CIA "exfiltration" specialist who plans to free six Americans in hiding



during the 1979 Iran hostage crisis.

# 8 Flicks to see

### Flight

Like an alternative universe scenario of Captain Chesley Sullenberger, this Robert Zemeckis film, starring Denzel Washington, centres on one pilot who saves his plane from disaster.



Unfortunately for the hero, an investigation into the incident offers some damning evidence against him.



### Seven Psychopaths

From Martin McDonagh, the man who brought us In Bruges, comes a quirky ensemble comedy about a part-time dog thief who swipes the wrong shih-tzu from a psychotic gangster played by Woody Harrelson.

### 6 Lincoln

Daniel Day-Lewis, Spielberg and Sally Field? Wrap it up, we'll take it. This look at the 16th president's struggle to negotiate the 13th amendment to the U.S. Constitution is all but guaranteed a few award nods later in the year.



### Life of Pi

Director Ang Lee may make his comeback after 2009's egregious dud, Taking Woodstock. This 3D adaptation of the 2001 book of the same name promises to be magical, mystical and loaded with exotic animals behaving strangely.

## Action films. Forget awards; you will still be fully entertained by these flicks

The fall movie season isn't only about high-minded awards-bait. James Bond and a few very able heroic counterparts will be blasting their way through the chilly months as well.

#### Dredd 3-D, Sept. 21

Like any other film set in the future, this take on the comic book Judge Dredd finds us in an irradiated nightmare wherein the police force acts as judge, jury and executioner?

#### Taken 2, Oct. 5

Liam Neeson is going on an

#### Quote

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awfully long streak of playing bad-ass rebels who make no apologies — and we're glad to welcome another instalment to that series, this time with a sequel to his 2008 Luc Besson film.

#### Skyfall, Nov. 9

The world has been waiting for this 23rd Bond film for

quite some time, with only the announcement of Bond girl Naomie Harris as a quantum of solace (sorry, couldn't help it). Javier Bardem serves as 007's nemesis and Sam Mendes directs. Daniel Craig, of course, continues his reign as the smoldering spy.

#### Red Dawn, Nov. 21

Could a bunch of teenagers defend their small Washington hometown from an invasion of the North Korean military? Chris Hemsworth, Josh Hutcherson and Jeffrey Dean Morgan will help us find out. **METRO WORLD NEWS**



Bond is back. So is Daniel Craig. HANDOUT



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ment." The implication: Networks can slap each other around by putting dramas and comedies head-to-head, but a talent show is in a class of its own, like PBS' Downton Abbey but with a record contract and hot modern blondes named Christina, Britney and Demi.

"I think it's mean-spirited and I hope and I pray that it backfires on them, because it's one of the best shows we've ever made," Cowell said, adding that three consecutive nights of Voice is "too much" and viewers will choose X Factor.

"But I've learned, don't make any predictions," he said, tempering bravado with caution.

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"I was a bit cocky," he said in a recent interview. "I was feeling bullish coming off the U.K. show. And I don't think I really read the (American) market that well" and how a strong show could let "massive social network power" make it a hit.

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**Adam Levine is a celebrity judge on The Voice.**

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Miley Cyrus. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Miley Cyrus throwing punches for her fiancé

Miley Cyrus is leading a pretty dangerous life lately.

First, a man attempts to force his way into her home wielding a pair of scissors — though Cyrus wasn't home at the time — and now she's getting into bar fights. Cyrus and fiancé Liam Hemsworth were hanging out at a nightclub in the Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood when a man bumped into Hemsworth, leading to a heated discus-

sion, according to Hollyscoop. After some shoving ensued, Cyrus reportedly got between the guys and ended up shoving the stranger herself and punching him in the face, according to a report of battery he later filed with the police.

So far, no arrests have been made, and Cyrus' reps doubt there will be any.

"This claim is completely false and erroneous," her rep says.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

### The Word



## Stewart and Franco? Sure, we'll buy it

### THE WORD

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Although she's still shuffling through airports in Robert Pattinson's T-shirts, it seems Kristen Stewart may be entertaining the idea of moving on. The actress was spotted chatting with a "smitten" James Franco at the Toronto Film Festival, reports RadarOnline.

"There was a lot of flirting and Kristen was overjoyed by the attention she was getting from James, who was gushing over her,

saying what a great actress he thinks she is and was full of praise for her latest movie, *On the Road*," a source tells the site. "At the end of their chance meeting, James took Kristen's number and asked her out for dinner. Kristen initially said no, but is mulling over the idea. She knows she has to move on now following her break up with Rob."

Is it just us, or does this "source" sound like Kristen Stewart giving herself a pep talk in the bathroom mirror?

We wouldn't have initially put Franco and Stewart together, but maybe they can bond over complaining about fame while taking roles in blockbusters. Plus, Franco's so pretentious these days, we bet he has a stronger British accent than Pattinson.



Sheryl Crow

## Crow blames her cell for brain tumor

Sheryl Crow developed a benign brain tumor earlier this year, and she thinks it may be all her cellphone's fault.

"There are no doctors that will confirm that. (But) I do have the theory that it's possible that it's related

to that," Crow tells Katie Couric in an interview. "I (used to spend) hours on the old archaic cell-phones."

Crow explains that the location of the tumor was suspiciously close to where she used to hold the phone.

### Twitter



@Joan\_Rivers

I love Fashion Week in New York. Everyone is so chic! I just saw a bag lady wearing a pantsuit made from old "Will Work For Food" signs.



@aaronpaul\_8

I want pizza so bad right now. The good kind of pizza though not the bad kind. The good kind is so much better than the bad.



@jessicaalba

This lawn is not going to mow itself guys



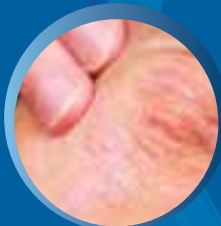
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Ah, summer's almost over and fall is almost setting in. Which proves that you can tweet anything.

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Zac Efron

## Efron not offended by gay rumours

Zac Efron appreciates his gay fans — and isn't fazed by speculation about his own sexuality.

"I don't like to live in fear about things like rumours and backlash to begin with — that's the way I was raised — but I just can't see what's so wrong about being gay," he tells the Advocate in an interview.





The view from Trius winery, one of more than two dozen wineries in Niagara-on-the-Lake. JOSEPH CHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Autumn is a grape time to visit Niagara-on-the-Lake

## Harvest heaven.

Small town near Niagara Falls boasts wineries, fresh food markets and a theatre festival

Mention Niagara and most travellers think of the famous falls, which deserve their reputation as the mother of all tourist attractions.

But there's another place with Niagara in its name just a half-hour drive from the falls that should be part of any visit to the area: Niagara-on-the-Lake, a lovely town known for wineries, an annual theatre festival and a charming downtown.

And while summer is high season for visiting the waterfalls, September and October are among the busiest months of the year in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

There are more than 30 wineries in Niagara-on-the-Lake and 80 altogether in the



The Shaw Festival. EMILY COOPER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

region, and fall is the season when visitors can see and experience the harvest and the pressing of the grapes.

Visitors can also find locally grown produce, depending on what's in season, including peaches, pears and apples, along with jams, juices and other products, for sale in places like Kurtz

Orchards Country Market, 16006 Niagara Parkway, and at a Saturday morning farmers market, through Oct. 6 at 111 Garrison Village Drive.

Fall is also the last chance to catch performances at the Shaw Festival, a popular annual event that takes place in three theatres in Niagara-on-the-Lake, staging works

by George Bernard Shaw and his contemporaries, plus new plays written about his era (1856-1950). The season began in May, with productions ranging from Ragtime, through Oct. 14, to Hedda Gabler, through Sept. 29. Noel Coward's Present Laughter and Bernard Shaw's Misalliance run through October.

For leaf-peepers, the area has "stunning fall colour," usually peaking in early October, according to Janice Thomson, executive director of Niagara-on-the-Lake's chamber of commerce. The town's leafy waterfront areas include both the Niagara River and Lake Ontario (the waterfalls flow into the river, which flows into the lake). Niagara Parkway, which follows the river, offers a "spectacular drive," according to Tina Truszyk, spokeswoman for the Tourism Partnership of Niagara.

There are also cycling routes along the river and the nearby Welland Canal. Niagara-on-the-Lake has a number of bike rental companies

## If you go...

- **Niagara-on-the-Lake.** [niagaraonthelake.com](http://niagaraonthelake.com)
- **Shaw Festival.** This annual theatre festival runs through late October. [shawfest.com](http://shawfest.com).
- **Wine route planner.** [winecountryontario.ca/niagara-on-the-lake](http://winecountryontario.ca/niagara-on-the-lake).
- **Icewine festival.** The icewine festival takes place in January 2013.

including some like Zoom Leisure Bike — [zoomleisure.com](http://zoomleisure.com) — that offer guided bike tours of the wineries.

The region is best-known for ice wine, a specialty product made from grapes frozen on the vine in winter. The frozen grapes are nearly dehydrated so the juice is concentrated, which makes the wine sweeter than table wine.

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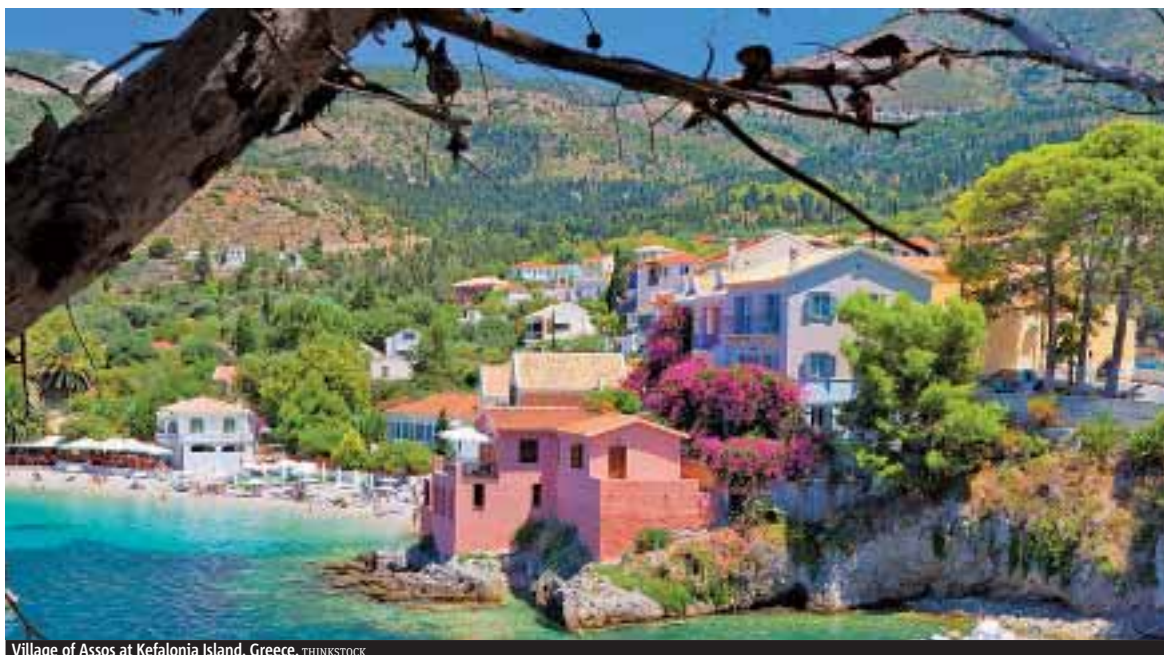


Las Vegas Sands picks Madrid over Barcelona for big Spain casino project dubbed 'EuroVegas'

# The beaches of Kefalonia

It's the largest Greek island in the Ionian Sea, situated near the west of Greece. Come. Stay a week.

DR. NIKI KALOGIRATOU  
Metro Greece



Village of Assos at Kefalonia Island, Greece. THINKSTOCK

## HISTORY

Kefalonia (or Cephallonia) has been inhabited since prehistoric times. Today, locals like to argue that they are the descendants of Ulysses and that Kefalonia was the Homeric Ithaka. You won't see much history, however: After the 1953 earthquakes that almost razed the island to the ground, most of its neoclassical mansions, as well as Venetian and British public buildings, were demolished. One can find the only surviving remnants of pre-earthquake architecture on the northern side of the island in the picturesque fishing villages of Fiscardo and Assos. The filming of Captain Corelli's Mandolin in 2000 brought a lot of Hollywood stars (Madonna, Penelope Cruz, Tom Hanks) to Kefalonia, an island which had a non-cosmopolitan profile.

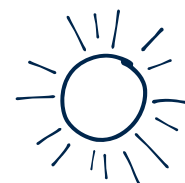
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During your stay on the island you can visit Argostoli, Fiscardo, the Assos Castle, the Melissani and Drogarati Caves near Sami, St George's Castle, the scenic monasteries of St Gerassimos and many picturesque small villages along the way. For hikers, Ainos (1,620m) is the highest mountain on the island. There is an excellent view from its summit, where in ancient times a temple of Zeus was situated, according to the ancient Greek author Hesiod.

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# Sweet & savoury team up in Creamy Apple Curry Chicken

When you think curry, chances are potatoes and chicken come to mind. But you also should consider apples.

Though not necessarily a traditional touch for curry, apples work deliciously well with the big, spicy flavours of the dish. In fact, there is very little that is traditional about the curry assembled here, but we're not all that worried about it. It's so delicious, the name almost seems irrelevant.

A quick sauté of vegetables and chicken — along with those aforementioned

## Ingredients

- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter
- 1 large yellow onion, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1 each green and red bell pepper, cored and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 2 cups cauliflower florets
- 1 lb boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into bite-size cubes
- 3 medium apples, peeled, cored and diced
- 2 tbsp curry powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 3 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1/3 cup dried cranberries
- 1/3 cup toasted almonds



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

apples — is tied together with a creamy curry sauce. To keep the autumnal feel, throw in some dried cranberries and top it with toasted almonds. If you don't want to serve it over rice, you could opt for egg noodles.

1. In a large, deep skillet over medium-high heat, melt the butter. Add the onion and

sauté until tender, about 7 minutes. Add both bell peppers, cauliflower and chicken. Cook until the vegetables are just tender and the chicken is cooked through, about 10 to 12 minutes.

2. Add the apples, curry powder, salt and pepper. Cook until the apples are just tender,

about 3 to 5 minutes.

3. Sprinkle the flour over everything, stirring to coat. Add the milk and cranberries, stirring and cooking until the sauce comes to a simmer and thickens. Serve sprinkled with toasted almonds.

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# Loads of pork flavour with very little effort

Weeknight cooking is all about getting gobs of flavour from just a few ingredients, no special techniques and as little effort as possible. That's the idea behind this Mirin Pork Chops with Apple Chutney.

You'll find mirin (a kind of rice wine) in the Asian or international sections of most grocers. The chutney should be nearby, too.

1. In bowl, whisk mirin, garlic powder and salt. Add the pork

## Ingredients

- 1 cup mirin
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 2 lbs pork tenderloin, halved lengthwise and pounded evenly flat
- 1 tbsp butter
- 2 medium apples, peeled, cored and diced
- 1 small yellow onion, diced
- 10 1/2-oz jar sweet chutney (such as mango)



This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

and turn to coat well. Refrigerate until ready to cook.

2. Heat grill to high. Using vegetable oil-soaked paper towel held with tongs, oil grill grates. Reduce heat to medium and add pork. Grill 6 minutes per side. Set aside.

3. In skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Add apples and onion and sauté until just tender, about 5 minutes. Remove pan from the heat and stir in the chutney.

4. To serve, thinly slice pork and top servings with apple chutney. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Drink of the Week

### Pretty in pink punch

- 1 can (295 ml) pink lemonade frozen concentrate (unthawed)
- 1 can (250 ml) strawberry daiquiri frozen concentrate (unthawed)
- 250 ml (1 cup) white rum (optional)
- 250 ml (1 cup) water
- 1 l (4 cups) ice cubes
- Sliced strawberries, for garnish

In blender, combine pink lemonade and daiquiri frozen concentrates, rum, if using, and water; add ice cubes. Pulse until blended and frothy, about 1 minute. Float berries on the surface for a special garnish. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ MINUTEMAID.CA



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**Take this into account.** In the world of finance, getting involved means getting the job

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Experience is key.

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Be open to other options.

These job search strategies – we've all heard them before – sound like a cliché, but they have a wealth of truth ringing through them.

With the summer break now in full swing (I don't think I ever fully appreciated how lucky I was as a student to have summer holidays beginning in April), students will be thinking about landing a position that can give them solid experience in their field.

A recent Accountemps survey found that 78 per cent of more than 270 CFOs (chief financial officers) interviewed believe it is important for entry-level accounting and finance candidates to have gained work experience while in school.

"Even for entry level roles, many employers are in search of new hires who can apply their previous experience and contribute to the organization immediately," says Kathryn Bolt, Canadian president of Accountemps.

"Although this may seem like a catch-22, where it's difficult to land a job without experience or gain experience without a job, candidates who have internships or temporary assignments on their resume are more marketable to a prospective company."

**How to get experience while you're still a student:**

**Network, network, network**  
Make connections through classes, summer jobs, intern-



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ships, volunteer placements, etc., and stay in touch with these people. Never underestimate the power of who you know.

## Be involved

Participating in groups related to your field will expand your network and give you further experience. However, do not just join — look for opportunities to take on leadership roles. It is important not only to be involved, but to stand out.

## Consider temporary work

This can be a way to obtain work experience while meeting prospective employers and getting your foot in with different companies.

## Land an internship

Internships give you direct, resume-worthy experience and often lead into full-time employment.

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Listening is just as crucial as speaking. Above all prepare and be yourself. The rest will follow... #DOMORE #CGA #Accounting-Week

## Volunteer

Find roles that align with your professional goals, if possible. Therefore, if you are an accounting major, consider acting as the treasurer for a student group that interests you. This not only acts as applicable experience, but also helps you

discover your strengths in the field you are pursuing.

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## Size it up. Go big or go small when finding your firm?

### Bigger not always better

"With so many people starting at the same level at once, there is a lot of pressure to compete and work overtime."

Accountant Alissa Kahn

working in a team and enjoy having multiple perspectives on a project.

### Training

While learning on the job will help give you hands-on knowledge in the accounting field, you have to depend on your supervisors to train you. "Most of the time the people that are supposed to be training you are very busy handling their own workloads and don't have time to teach you everything which can be frustrating," says Yoel Hofman, an accountant in a small firm of 25 employees. VICKY TOBIANAH IS A JOURNALIST AND FREELANCE WRITER WITH AN HONOURS BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND ENGLISH LITERATURE FROM MCGILL UNIVERSITY.

### Take this to the bank

Trying to account for where your future of number crunching and fast calculating is going to take you?

- On average, accounting grads with between zero and three years of experience can expect to earn somewhere between \$35,500 and \$75,500 depending on your role, whether you're working in public or corporate accounting, and whether you're working for a large or midsize/small firm or company.

- Cassandra Jowett

When searching for a job at an accounting firm, there are many factors to consider, such as location, types of responsibilities and training.

Another important factor to consider is the size of the firm. Accounting firms can vary in size from one to more than 10,000 people, and it's important to make the choice that will best fit your personality, your career goals and your lifestyle.

Although the experience at each firm may be different, we spoke with recent grads who are now working in accounting about their experiences to help you decide where you'll fit in.

### Work-life balance

Large firms often have big groups of 40 or more new accountants starting at once, which means the competition can be higher than at smaller firms. Alissa Kahn, an accountant at a mid-sized firm of about 90 people, says she's lucky she doesn't have that much competition. "With so many people starting at the same level at once, there is a lot of pressure to compete and work overtime. At my smaller firm, I don't really experience that same pressure."

### Learning opportunities

However, since so many new accountants start their jobs at once in large accounting firms, it also means the firms tend to invest a lot of time and money in classroom-type training and mentoring, which small firms cannot usually do. "I did not get as much textbook training and I had to really learn on the job. It's good for my career, but it's tough in the beginning," says Kahn.

At larger firms, you may also work in groups or teams and have joint tasks and clients. This is great if you like

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**Student Voice**

## Break down the walls between students and employers

Fahad Meer  
Graduate  
Honours Bachelor of Commerce  
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I graduated from McMaster University in 2011 and joined PwC as an Associate in the Audit & Assurance Group based in the Toronto office.

Coming out of university, where I had a very tightly knit group of friends, the one thing I was most afraid of was change. However, I quickly learned after I joined the firm that change is not necessarily a bad thing and definitely not as scary as it seems. Because of all the extra-curricular activities I took part in at McMaster, I was confident and ready to launch my career. Lucky for me, I was able to join a firm that supported, which made the school to work transition, seamless.

If I were to look back at my transition from carrying a backpack to now a briefcase, the one thing that I would not change is getting outside my comfort zone. When I was a student, I explored new chances to make me a more confident and well-rounded person. These are two essential characteristics that employers are looking for.

### Where I am now

As an Associate, I am fulfilling my dream of adding value to my clients on a daily basis. I'm also learning more everyday about the accounting and business world, while writing exams to obtain my Chartered Accountant (CA) designation.

Besides auditing, I'm



passionate about giving back to people and coaching young students and professionals in their respective careers. As PwC's national recruiting blogger and one of only six people chosen to represent PwC in its campus branding, I do just that by allowing others to learn from my personal stories of success and failure both via my blog posts and through speeches I deliver at various universities across the GTA.

In my spare time, I volunteer by serving as the CFO (chief financial officer) and Career Coach for a new start-up NPO (non-profit organization) called Canada Pakistan Professionals Association (CPPA). At CPPA, I oversee their finances, as well as provide young professionals with advice and support.

### My recommendations for

### employers, career centres and schools

My recommendation for employers, career centres or schools is to really find ways to connect with students more personally and give them with tailored support.

### My recommendations for students

My advice for students and recent grads would be to never see failure as a hindrance to their end goals, but rather a catalyst and a motivator to go above and beyond their own expectations. The reason why I am reasonably successful today is because I made mistakes in my past and learned from them.

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# League, players both to blame for labour strife: Daly

**NHL.** Lockout, which appears certain, would be league's fourth work stoppage since 1992

NHL Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly says the owners and players are both to blame for their failure to reach a new collective bargaining agreement before the Saturday deadline for a work stoppage.

Daly wrote in an email to The Associated Press that he

hoped both sides would meet before Saturday. "But to this point, we have received no indication that the union has anything new to say to us. And right now, we have nothing new to say to them," he wrote Tuesday. "It's unfortunate, but it's the reality of the situation."

The NHL's labour contract expires at midnight Saturday night, and a lockout appears certain. It would be the league's fourth work stoppage since 1992.

"Ultimately, we just want

## All's quiet

- The sides haven't had a full bargaining session since Aug. 31 and the strife is threatening regular-season openers scheduled to start Oct. 11.
- The preseason is set to begin on Sept. 19.

to negotiate a fair deal that will give all our clubs an ability to be stable and healthy,"

he wrote. "We hoped (and still hope) we can do that without causing any interruption to the upcoming season. Logic would have suggested we would have been able to. The fact that we haven't yet is extremely disappointing, and is a failure for which we both must share blame."

More than 250 players are set to attend the NHLPA meetings Wednesday and Thursday here to discuss the current state of CBA negotiations.

The board of governors will meet Thursday at the NHL of-

fices here and could authorize Commissioner Gary Bettman to proceed with a lockout on Saturday if a new collective bargaining agreement hasn't been reached.

Donald Fehr, who took over as union head two years ago, said his players are resigned to a work stoppage, which would follow lockouts last year in the NFL and the NBA. Many of those players will gather in Manhattan this week in this off-season's biggest show of force.

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## MLB

### McCarthy home after surgery

Oakland Athletics pitcher Brandon McCarthy was released from a Bay Area hospital Tuesday, less than a week after getting hit in the head by a line drive and undergoing surgery.

And he said he plans to return to baseball once he regains to full strength in the coming months.

The 29-year-old underwent two hours of surgery late Wednesday after a ball hit by the Angels' Erick Aybar struck the right side of his head. He had an epidural hemorrhage, brain contusion and skull fracture on the play.

He expressed deep appreciation to everyone involved in his care.

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### Jaso down and out at the plate

Blue Jays catcher J.P. Arencibia tags out Seattle Mariners' John Jaso at home plate, Tuesday, in Toronto. For game results, visit [metronews.ca/sports](http://metronews.ca/sports).

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## Mobile sports



Not many fighters wanted to step into the cage in Toronto against light-heavyweight champion Jon 'Bones' Jones for the upcoming UFC 152, according to UFC boss Dana White. But Brazilian fighter Vitor Belfort was game, saying he still fights "for pleasure" at age 35. Scan the code for the story.

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## NHL

### Bruins extend Seguin's contract

The Boston Bruins have signed centre Tyler Seguin to a six-year, \$34-million US contract extension.

Seguin had 29 goals and 67 points last season for Boston — both team highs — in just his second NHL season. The 20-year-old had a plus-34 rating, second in the league behind teammate Patrice Bergeron, and played in the 2012 all-star game.

The six-foot-one, 182-pound native of Brampton, Ont., was selected second overall by the Bruins in the 2010 NHL draft. He played 74 games in his rookie season, totalling 11 goals and 11 assists.

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## Hockey

### Condors Bielieb in star's hockey skills

The Bakersfield Condors believe Justin Bieber is more than a sweet voice with slick dance moves.

The ECHL team has offered the Canadian pop phenom an amateur tryout contract for the upcoming hockey season.

The team says in a news release it hopes the five-foot-seven "slender built superstar can provide a rookie presence" for the Condors.

The club also says his "sick flow will fit right in with a Condors team known for their style."

A team spokesman said the club contacted Bieber's agent about the offer but as of Tuesday afternoon there had been no response.

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# Encore: It's just different



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## Engine

Getting the Encore up to speed is the responsibility of a 1.4-litre turbocharged, four-cylinder engine that generates 140 horsepower and 148 pound-feet of torque. Both the Chevrolet Sonic and Cruze also employ this powerplant, which runs on regular gas and not premium.

A six-speed automatic is

the Encore's only available transmission. For this application, a "steeper" first gear helps improve off-the-line performance while a "taller" sixth gear causes the engine to loaf along at lower engine revs at highway speeds for more fuel-efficient operation. Official consumption numbers aren't out just yet, but should approach the Cruze's 7.2/4.6 city/highway l/100 km rating.



A six-speed automatic transmission and turbocharged 1.4-litre four-cylinder are standard.

## Quiet ride

The cabin has a feature called "active noise cancellation." The system uses ceiling-mounted microphones that detect offending droning sounds. A special computer then creates counteracting sound waves through the audio-system speakers. It's a system that's commonly found on more expensive vehicles.

## 2013 Buick Encore

- **Type:** Four-door, front/all-wheel-drive compact wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 1.4-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (140).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy): 7.2/4.9 (est.).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** \$23,000 (est.).

**Review.** Buick drives home the point that the old ways are exactly that

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Generally, an encore follows a great performance. In Buick terms, that could mean the Verano or the Regal, but both of those are sedans, while the new Encore is a small tall wagon.

OK, we can just hear the quips now, likely involving an Enclave wagon that has been left in the dryer a little too long. However, the Encore is a uniquely practical vehicle that can hold lots of gear and can hold its own in the horsepower and fuel-consumption departments. Also adding to its versatility is the availability of all-wheel-drive.

The fact that it approximates a scaled-down version

of the Enclave is far from being a bad thing. From its oval-shaped "waterfall" grille to the tip of its two-tone bumper, the Encore features a neat blend of stylish design cues with just a hint of ruggedness. That should help broaden the car's appeal to buyers much younger than Buick's traditional core audience.

The Encore is based on the same platform used by Buick's Verano sedan plus Chevrolet's Cruze and Sonic small cars. However, it's about 18 centimetres longer and 13 centimetres taller than the Sonic hatchback, thereby giving it far more cargo room with the rear seat in place or folded flat. Not as much room back there as a Hyundai Tucson or even a Toyota Matrix, but the front passenger seat does fold flat so that longer items such as ladders, hockey sticks and building materials can be accommodated.

With its diminutive size, crisp styling and clever interior packaging, this is one Encore that has been long overdue.



A ladder? The Encore is a small ride that hauls big-and-tall stuff when the front passenger seat is folded flat. For perspective, it doesn't have quite as much room as a Hyundai Tucson.



It's certainly like no other Buick you've ever seen.

## By comparison



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### Autopilot



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If you're thinking you'd like your next vehicle to be electrically driven, you certainly have options. More and more major automotive brands are bringing out electric models (EVs) and plug-in hybrids (PHEVs).

But maybe you're thinking there's something not quite right about walking into a dealership and buying a brand new EV or PHEV. Maybe it gives you a funny feeling like Captain Rex Kramer had in the movie *Airplane!* You know, when he goes into the control tower to coach the inexperienced Ted Striker to land the plane, and a control tower operator asks him if they should turn on the search lights to make things easier, and Kramer says, after a few moments of thought, "No, it's just what they'll be expecting us to do."

In the same vein, you could do your own "180" and convert an old gasoline car over to elec-

tricity.

You could take something like a 1983 Porsche 944, rip out its gasoline-powered engine and related paraphernalia, and replace them with an electric motor, controller and batteries. You could do the same with a 1985 Jaguar XJ6.

You could pick any vehicle actually, but I picked those two specific models, because there happens to be actual examples of them recently converted over to electric drive. I met them, and their respective owners, at last weekend's EV Fest Electric Vehicle Show in Toronto.

Brian Kirk's white Porsche currently looks like a science experiment, but that's intentional. He would ultimately like his company, Singular Motion EV, to be in the business of converting customer cars over to electricity; the Porsche is essentially his calling card and real-life slide show on how one goes about electrifying a previously gas-powered automobile.

He has over \$20,000 invested in it already, and apparently it's fast — faster even than the original gasoline version.

"We wanted to prove the point that electric cars are not slow," says Kirk, adding that acceleration from a dead stop is

"phenomenal."

"That's our reason for starting the company. We thought other people should be enjoying this as well."

He feels the current crop of EVs from the majors leaves a lot to be desired, when it comes to styling and performance options. He contends that conversion not only gives you limitless vehicle options, it also might save a perfectly good car body from dying in the scrap yard.

Don Singh's electric Jaguar has a similar cottage-industry look to the conversion. He too is able to convert cars and supply parts for potential customers (through his company, Epic Car Conversions). He says the Jaguar is currently both a test bed and an "office on wheels."

For others contemplating the jump, he would advise picking a "light" vehicle, to get more bang for your battery buck.

Whatever you pick, just make sure you plug it in. Brian Kirk failed to top up the Porsche before making the run from his base in Newmarket to the EV show at Toronto's Brickworks. He ran out of juice about five kilometres from the show.

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## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 - April 20

You are under a lot of pressure at the moment, but how much of it comes from other people and how much of it comes from yourself? Maybe you need to be a bit more relaxed about the world.

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Don't plan anything strenuous for today because you need to relax, both physically and mentally. You may be a Taurus and more robust than most but you still need some down time now and again.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

If there is someone you want to say sorry to then now is the ideal time. Venus in the communications area of your chart will make it easy to connect on both an emotional and a mental level.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You have a great deal going for you at the moment, so stop being so critical of yourself. Stand back from everyday events and see your life from a higher and wider perspective. It's actually a pretty picture.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Take life at an easygoing pace and ignore those who say you should be pushing yourself harder. There comes a point where what you put in is more than what you get out. You are near that point now.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

If you lack enthusiasm for what you are about to do, you will most likely make a poor job of it, so why not postpone it or even give up on it? You're allowed to change your mind you know.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You may want to outshine your rivals and competitors but the planets warn that may not be possible today. It's always a mistake to compare yourself to other people. It's a sure way to drive yourself mad.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You know something that others do not, something that gives you an edge. Whatever that something is, you must be careful how and when you use it. Knowledge is power, so don't reveal it too quickly.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Friends and colleagues are aware of what you can do, so don't waste time trying to prove yourself. The important thing is not that others feel good about you but that you feel good about yourself. Do you?

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

If there is someone you want to impress, now is the time to speak up and let them know what you can do. But don't exaggerate your achievements to prove what a wonderful person you are. They know already.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Take your foot off the gas and take life at a more enjoyable pace. You don't have to work twice as hard and move twice as fast as everyone else. This is one of those days when less means more.

### Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Those around you will respond better to kindness than coercion today. Also, if you can find it in your heart to forgive someone else's sins today they are more likely to forgive your sins tomorrow. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: Island, Water, Rockers, More Water

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### Across

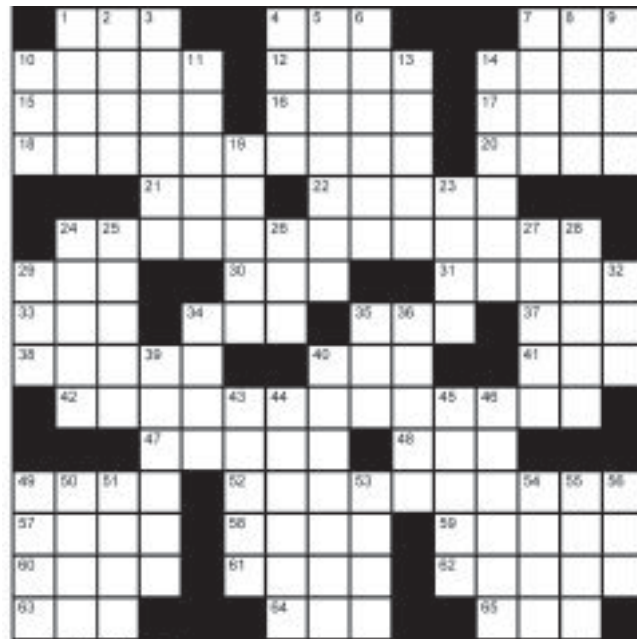
1. Windsor product
4. Volcanic fallout
7. "You're it!" game
10. Building usually without a 13th floor
12. Borscht vegetable
14. Flooring material
15. "Lord, \_\_\_?": Last Super question (3 wds.)
16. Tomb Raider Croft
17. Prayer ending
18. \_\_\_ Island: the NE fifth of Nova Scotia (2 wds.)
20. "Mmm-hmm" (2 wds.)
21. Sink clog remover
22. Put together in make-shift fashion (2 wds.)
24. It's to Canada's east (2 wds.)
29. Former Pan Am rival
30. Open, as a keg
31. Airtight farm storage buildings
33. Acorn dropper
34. Hearing organ
35. Sum up
37. "A girl" or "a boy" preceder
38. Give up
40. *The Simpsons* bartender
41. Chomped
42. Rock band from Kingston, Ontario, that has received numerous Canadian Music awards, including 14 Juno Awards (2 wds.), with "The"
47. Assembly of church officials
48. ATM charge
49. Autumn colors
52. Ontario, Superior, et al.

(2 wds.)

57. One of 52-Across
58. Thor's dad
59. Ctrl-P in many programs
60. Biggest problems of some celebrities
61. Ripped
62. Dispatches
63. Controversial hockey commentator Cherry
64. Scottish "no"
65. Hi-\_\_\_: sharply detailed, as a monitor

### Down

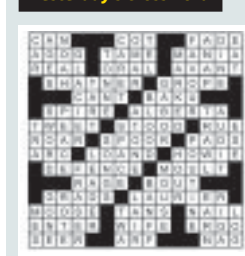
1. \_\_\_ Nostra
2. "Take \_\_\_ from me ...": "Heed this advice" (2 wds.)
3. Give another account of
4. Adequately skilled
5. Voyage on 24-Across (2 wds.)
6. Intrepid
7. Canada's quintessential coffee and donut place, familiarly
8. Downwind
9. DNA carrier
10. What not to say when taking a sobriety test
11. Tripoli's land
13. Ballroom dance for two
14. Nationalist Republic of China capital
19. Hertz \_\_\_-Car
23. Southern California univ.
24. Anticipate



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25. "Care" or "risk" follower
26. Carcinogenic cigarette smoke ingredient
27. A suspect may have one down pat
28. A dissatisfied diner may opt to leave this (2 wds.)
29. Play (with)
32. Former faster-than-sound jet: initialism
34. Boldly unconventional
35. "You've Got Mail!" ISP
36. Blue and white pottery named for a city in Holland
39. Damsels
40. Amber-colored Portuguese dessert wine
43. Bar of gold
44. Chicken \_\_\_ bleu
45. Sharp barks
46. One who listens
49. Bassoon or clarinet
50. As a result, in logic
51. Singer Celine
53. PEI's Green Gables girl
54. Cows, archaically
55. Finishes
56. Rds.

## Yesterday's Crossword



## What's online

See today's answers at [metronews.ca/answers](http://metronews.ca/answers).



## Sudoku

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Yesterday's Sudoku

8	9	1	4	2	5	7	3	6
2	6	5	8	7	3	1	4	9
3	7	4	1	9	6	2	5	8
4	5	9	7	5	1	3	8	2
7	3	6	2	5	8	9	1	4
1	2	8	9	3	4	5	6	7
6	4	7	5	1	2	8	9	3
9	1	3	6	8	7	4	2	5
5	8	2	3	4	9	6	7	1

**Today**

26°/16°

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**Thursday**

27°/16°

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